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1. OCT 10 MORNING PRESS REPORTS THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF ILLEGAL SETTLERS ARE STILL HOLDING OUT ON WEST BANK. THERE IS SOME CONFUSION ABOUT EXACT LOCATION OF GROUPS, BUT THEY APPEAR TO BE IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF: INN OF GOOD SAMARITAN (MA'ALE ADUMIM REGION) ON JERUSALEM- JERICHO ROAD; POINT WHERE WADI OELT EMERGES ONTO JORDAN VALLEY PLAIN, JUST WEST OF JERICHO; AND IN "WESTERN SAMARIA". LATTER GROUP SEEMS TO BE ONE WE REFERRED TO (REFTTEL) AS BEING NEAR SHILOH, THOUGH ACCOUNTS DIFFER ABOUT PRECISE LOCATION. ADDITIONAL SETTLERS WERE REPORTED TO BE EN ROUTE LAST NIGHT TO JOIN THESE NUCLEI.

2. MAJOR ARABIC DAILY EL QUDS IN OCT 10 EDITORIAL FOCUSES ALMOST ENTIRELY ON SETTLERS' ACTIVITIES, WONDERING WHETHER THEY ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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SIMPLY INTENDED TO FRUSTRATE SECRETARY KISSINGER'S EFFORTS

OR TO PROVOKE WAR. IT MAKES NO REFERENCE TO ISRAELI OFFICIAL
POLICY OPPOSING SETTLERS AND INDEED IMPLIES THAT GOVERNMENT
COULD HAVE BEEN HARSHER IN DEALING WITH THEM. LEADING WEST BANK
NOTABLE ANWAR KHATIB, HOWEVER, IN CONVERSATION OCTOBER 9,
SAID GOI REACTION WAS ENCOURAGING. WE SUSPECT WEST BANKERS
GENERALLY TEND NOT TO DISTINGUISH CAREFULLY BETWEEN SETTLERS'
ACTIONS AND GOVERNMENT POLICY, AND SEE MAINLY THAT NET RESULT
IS THREAT OF FURTHER ISRAELI ENCHROACHMENT.
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